Andover July 1st 1824.

My dear friend

I understand that you have taken charge of the Academy in Berwick. My object in troubling you with a letter, is to make a few inquiries in relation to the school. By the papers I see the trustees wish to engage a teacher for next year, & conclude from this fact that it is not your intention to instruct after the present season. For what time do the trustees wish to employ an instructer? What will probably be the character & studies of the school? What is the state of society in the village?

At present it is my intention to teach a part or the whole of the next year, if I can procure an eligible situation. This resolution has not been formed in haste. I am aware that the demand for ministerial labor is every day becoming more & more urgent. Still I am most fully persuaded that a liberal training is indispensable to the minister who hopes successfully to perform the labors of his office. By giving me an answer to the above questions together with any other information relative to this subject, you

will confer an important favor on a class mate
& friend.

Mr Stewart will give lectures during the
summer to the Junior class upon Eccles. His.
& it is expected that the Junior class will
study Paff. Jr comm on Heb. with Mr Newton
Mr Peters is now here to obtain recruits for the
west & south. His appeals are overwhelming
Let us pray, my dear brother, that the Lord of
the harvest may send forth laborers into the
~~vineyard~~. field which is ready for the reapers.

Yours in the fellowship of Christ

Mr Amos A. Phelps

Wm Thompson

S.S. If the Academy be already engaged
or if applications for permanent instruction
are expected, please to inform me as soon as
convenient.

Wm Thompson
Andover July 1st
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